

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously amended): A corrugated hose and a holder for the hose wherein the holder comprises two spaced apart support members, each member mounted on a support and including at least one rib located outwardly from the support and facing the rib on the other member, a corrugated hose with valleys, the hose having an elastically bowed portion and side sections located to either side of the bowed portion, the side sections positioned between the ribs, said side sections being biased away from each other by the bowed portion so that one valley on each side section engages one rib on each member to support the hose.

2. (currently amended): The holder of claim 1 wherein ~~at least one rib on each member~~ rib includes a lip ~~located outwardly from the rib and facing the rib on the other member.~~

3. (currently amended): The holder of claim 2 wherein ~~the~~ each lip is spaced ~~located distally~~ from the support.

4. (currently amended): The holder of claim 3 wherein at least one rib on each member includes ~~two~~ a second lip ~~lip~~, each second lip being located ~~on opposite ends of the rib~~ proximate the support.

5. (original): The holder of claim 1 wherein the ribs are generally horizontal and the hose extends generally vertically.

6. (original): The holder of claim 1 wherein the ribs are generally vertical and the hose extends generally horizontally.

7. (twice amended): The holder of claim 1 wherein the support comprises a wall and the support members are mounted on the wall or on one or more studs extending from the wall.

8. (previously amended): The holder of claim 1 wherein the members are secured to parts of a vacuum cleaner body.

9. (twice amended): The tool of claim 1 wherein the ~~holders are~~ members each ~~formed from~~ comprise a one-piece integral molded plastic body.

10. (previously amended): A holder for corrugated hose comprising:

a pair of support members, each member having a base including a first support panel, a second support panel, an arm panel, an attachment panel, a first hinge joining the first support panel to the second support panel, a second hinge joining the second support panel to the arm panel and a third hinge joining the arm panel to the attachment panel, said panels and hinges forming an integral plastic body, each first support panel having at least one hose-engaging rib extending outwardly therefrom.

11. (original): The holder as in claim 10 including a lip on each rib.

12. (original): The holder as in claim 11 including a lip on each end of each rib.

13. (currently amended) The holder as in claim 10 wherein

each member is mounted on a ~~support surface~~ wall so that the ~~rib~~ first support panel extends generally perpendicularly from a the wall.

14. (twice amended) Two holders as in claim 11 and a corrugated vacuum cleaner hose wherein the hose has a plurality of valleys and is ~~placed~~ held between the two holders, the hose having one or more elastically bowed sections, each bowed section having valleys in side sections engaging said ribs.

15. (twice amended) A method of supporting a corrugated hose on a support comprising the steps of:

a) ~~mounting~~ providing a pair of ribs on a support so that each rib faces the other rib;

b) forming a ~~bend~~ bowed section with end portions in a corrugated hose having a plurality of valleys;

~~c) elastically stressing the bend so that end portions on the hose resist the stress force;~~

~~d)~~ c) placing the bowed section of the hose between the pair of ribs;

~~e)~~ d) releasing the bowed section of the hose between the pair of ribs ~~so that the~~ to move the end portions of the section ~~move~~ apart and valleys on the end portions engage over the ribs ~~to support the hose so that the ribs extend into the valleys and~~ engage the hose; and

e) biasing the end portions of the bowed section of the hose against the ribs to hold the hose in place between the ribs.